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Phone Scams Against The Elderly

The Lake County Sheriff's Office has received recent complaints involving potential phone scams against the elderly. A resident of Leroy Twp. recently reported that she had received several phone calls from an unknown party who claimed to be a representative of the governments Medicare program. The resident stated that the callers had a foreign accent which sounded Arabic. The callers claimed that they needed to re-issue Medicare cards and had requested personal information to complete the Medicare transaction. The reporting party stated that the caller asked her about her banking practices and also asked for checking account and bank routing numbers which the reporting party did not disclose. The elderly resident contacted Medicare which is issued under the Social Security Administration and was advised that the agency does not ask for this information at which time the suspicious incidents were determined to be a scam. The Lake County Sheriff's Office would like to warn the elderly residents of Lake County to be aware of this recent scam and to be vigilant when taking phone calls from unknown person(s). Please do not release any personal and or financial information unless you are confident you know the person whom you are releasing confidential information to. Thank you.

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